

Durham Environmental Affairs Board
Tuesday, July 25, 2000, 6:00 PM
Durham City Hall, 2nd Floor Committee Room

Meeting Notes

Chairman, Joseph Jackson, called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Members in attendance were Hunter Bacot, Jerad Bales, Jim Conner, Ed Harrison, Steve Hiltner, Joseph Jackson, Marion Johnson-Thompson, and Dock Terrell. Staff members in attendance were Bill Telford, Susan Turbak, Doug Vaughn, Alex Waddell, and Glen Whisler. Member with an excused absence was Brian Morton.

Meeting Notes: The draft of the June 27, 2000 meeting notes was approved with clarification of Brian Morton's statement regarding the developing of indicators and their use in policy decisions. Hunter Bacot moved and Jerad Bales seconded the approval.

Bull Durt Program: Bill Telford from the Environmental Resources Department presented an overview of the Bull Durt program. The program was started during the 1980's and has continued off and on every since. In 1999 the feasibility of the Bull Durt process was investigated. It has been determined the process is not cost effective and will be terminated.

Environmental Indicators: The discussions center around the scope of the subject. Is the subject too broad? Should topics be decided on and then go from that point? A decision was made to start looking at undesirable effects and then trying to determine what causes the effect thereby arriving at the indicators. The subcommittee asks for input from the rest of the Board and will present their findings at a later date for further discussion.

Coal-fired Power Plant Emissions: The state will make a ruling on the reduction of ozone-forming emissions from coal-fired power plants. Due to potential non-attainment status in the Triangle area, the governing bodies may ask for recommendations from EAB. The comment period for the state is open till September 1, 2000.

Nominations Committee: Jim Conner reported the nominations had been discussed with one candidate but not the other. After contacting the other candidate, they would be able to move forward, and hopefully hold elections at the next regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

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